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1. On 17 December, about 1,500 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets including 75 percent with artillery insignia and 25 percent with black-bordered crimson epaulets were quartered in the Albrecht-der-Baer Kaserne in Stendal. A track-laying vehicle with a canvas-covered trailer which source believed carried a searchlight was in the barracks area.
2. On 4 December, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 to 1,800 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets. A prime mover towing a gun of about 150 mm left the installation, while about 40 to 50 men drilled in the barracks yard at platoon level. Six guns of about 80 mm were in emplacements on the east side of the installation. Six enlisted men's bunkers with individual soldiers were near the guns.
3. On 4 December, the Tauentzien Kaserne was occupied to capacity by enlisted men wearing black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia. About 100 men attended to 30 to 40 trucks and 10 amphibian jeeps in front of storage sheds. About 120 to 150 men were observed at marching exercises in the barracks yard. A newly constructed obstacle course was noted between the barracks fence and the Wittenberge railroad line.

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Comment. From the number of troops in the Albrecht-der-Baer Kaserne it is concluded that, on 17 December, the installation also quartered elements of the 16th Gds Tank SP Regt of the 207th Mtz "file" Div. From the present information it can be inferred that at least elements of the 693d How Arty Regt of the division are quartered in the Hindenburg Kaserne, while the occupation of the two other barracks installations is known from previous reports.

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As the 390th Indep Engr Bn of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps was not yet located in its billets in Gardsleben after returning from summer exercises it is believed that the Tauentzien Kaserne possibly quarters the corps engineer battalion in addition to signal units and the 338th Engr Bn of the division. The occupation by 1,200 to 1,500 men of the barracks installation, indicated in referenced report in early November, to some extent confirms this belief.

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